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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF BATJER AS CHARGE

REF: A. STATE 165634; B. SOFIA 6907

1. MORNING AUGUST 23, SUBEV CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE AND INFORMED ME THAT GOB NOW RECOGNIZES ME AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM OF AMERICAN EMBASSY.

2. AFTER POINTING TO ORIGIN OF PROBLEM -- HOUSTON NOTIFICATION LETTER -- SUBEV GAVE LONG EXPLANATION OF EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC PRACTICES AND INTERPRETATION OF ART. 19 OF VIENNA CONVENTION. HE CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY RECOGNIZING THAT CONVENTION COULD BE INTERPRETED AS DEPARTMENT HAD AND THAT EMBASSIES WERE PROPER CHANNEL FOR SUCH COMMUNICATION; THEREFORE, DEPARTMENT'S NOTE DESIGNATING ME AS CHARGE WAS ACCEPTABLE. OBVIOUSLY, SUBEV'S STATEMENT WAS FACE-SAVING DEVICE WHICH I ACCEPTED IN THIS SPIRIT.

3. SUBEV EXPRESSED REGRET FOR ANY PERSONAL DISCOMFORT "THIS AFFAIR" MAY HAVE CAUSED ME AND AGAIN ASSURED ME THAT INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT WAS NOT TO BE OBSTRUCTIVE RATHER IT WAS PURSUING A POLICY

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DESIGNED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HE HOPED

THAT MINOR IRRITANTS SUCH AS "THIS AFFAIR" WOULD NOT
DETRACT FROM THE OVER-ALL GOAL OF BETTER RELATIONS.
BATJER

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